

Work Plan for Technical Assistance
in support of the
Environmental Protection Agency's
Anaconda Aluminum Co. Columbia Falls Reduction Plant Superfund site,
Flathead County, MT
USEPA Region VIII

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Montana Field Office
Helena, Montana

and

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, Ecological Services
Falls Church, Virginia
Liaison to EPA Region VIII
Denver, Colorado

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Introduction

This Scope of Work describes technical assistance activities to be carried out by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the Anaconda Aluminum Co. Columbia Falls Reduction Plant Superfund site, Flathead County, MT SSID#A8-82. Technical assistance will include advising the Site EPA Remedial Project Manager (RPM) on FWS jurisdictional resources (e.g., threatened and endangered species, migratory birds) for consideration during the development of the Ecological Risk Assessment and other remedial investigation and feasibility studies (RI/FS). The primary focus of the work will be to review documents related to the RI/FS and other documents produced at the Site in order to provide recommendations related to threatened and endangered species and migratory birds. The FWS will also assist with study design and sampling efforts conducted at the site. Depending on the selected remedy, the FWS will coordinate with EPA if Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 consultation is initiated. This scope of work includes project planning and document reviews; data collection and analyses; data interpretation and outcome reporting; ESA Section 7 coordination.

The FWS will conduct the tasks described below as requested by the RPM. Work to be completed as part of this agreement will be conducted by personnel from the Montana Field Office (MTFO) and the FWS Region VIII EPA liaison. Quarterly reports will be provided to the FWS's Branch of Environmental Response and Restoration (BERR) office by the MTFO for incorporation of cost documentation and final submission to EPA.

Personnel costs described in this Scope of Work are provided as estimates, and will only be charged to the Interagency Agreement (IA) as staff actually conducts activities in response to requests for assistance. Calculation of reimbursable costs associated with all activities will be based upon direct costs incurred as a result of hourly wages, travel expenses of the personnel involved, and an indirect rate charge of 22 percent. FWS may incur incidental expenses related to conducting activities, as requested by EPA, under this agreement. Expenses may include purchase of supplies required to conduct project-related activities, or other project related miscellaneous expenses. All charges will be reported to the FWS BERR each pay period. Potential cost overruns, based on expansion of anticipated work required to complete each task, will be immediately brought to the attention of the RPM for resolution.

The tasks associated with this work plan will provide the following deliverables:

1. Identification of sensitive areas and fish and wildlife resources at and near the sites that might act as receptors for the contaminants of concern.
2. Assistance in selecting remedial goals that will be protective of the environment.

3. Assistance in evaluating and/or conducting field investigations, sampling, analyses, and data interpretation.
4. Necessary coordination if ESA Section 7 consultation is initiated.

As requested by EPA, the FWS will attend CERCLA-related meetings. Travel is anticipated to be local, Montana, involving the use of government vehicles.

Budget

Staff	Hourly Rate	Total Hours	Total Budget
Fish and Wildlife Biologist GS-13	\$71.71	30	\$ 2,151.30
Toxicologist GS-12	\$57.57	150	\$ 8,635.50
Toxicologist GS-11	\$46.56	40	\$ 1,862.40
Section 7 Biologist	\$54.61	80	\$ 4,368.80
Travel and Supplies			\$ 604.95
Subtotal			\$17,622.95
22% National FWS overhead			\$ 3,877.05
Task 1 Total			\$21,500.00

Approvals:

Remedial Project Manager – Mike Cirian

FWS Project Officer – Holly Herod

EPA Project Officer - David Charters

Field Office Approvals:

FWS Montana Field Office Field Supervisor – Jodi Bush